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SUBJECT: BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO THE SEA

1. NEWS RECEIVED IN LA PAZ AUGUST 26 THAT CHILE HAD ISSUED A DECREE PUBLISHED IN ITS DIARIO OFFICIAL TO THE EFFECT THAT IT IS A CRIME AGAINST THE STATE FOR ANY CITIZEN TO PROPITIATE THE INCORPORATION WITHIN A FOREIGN STATE OF ALL OR ANY PART OF NATIONAL TERRITORY HAS CAUSED SHOCK AND DISMAY IN BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES. BOLIVIAN FOREIGN OFFICE MAKING EVERY EFFOR TO CLARIFY MEANING OF THIS DECREE AS IT MAY AFFECT NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN OUTLET TO THE SEA. IF THE DECREE MEANS THAT CHILE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW FROM CEDING ANY PORTION OF ITS TERRIOORY TO ANOTHER STATE REGARDLESS OF COMPENSATION, IT WOULD PUT PRESIDENT BANZER IN A MOST DIFFICULT POSITION. THE BANZER GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN CATEGORICAL IN STATING THAT THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE FINAL SOLUTION TO ITS LANDLOCKED STATUS WOULD BE A SOVEREIGN ACCESS AND OUTLET TO THE PACIFIC, AND THAT ANY AGREEMENT SHORT OF SOVEREIGNTY WOULD MERELY BE A STAGE OR FIRST STEP LEADING TO SUCH AN EVENTUAL SOLUTION. SOME EMBASSY SOURCES ARE ALREADY SPECULATING THAT BANZER WOULD HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE TO AGAIN BREAKING RELATIONS WITH CHILE. THESE SOURCES CLAIM THAT FAILURE TO TAKE SUCH STRONG

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ACTION WOULD PUT BZNER IN A VULNERABLE POSITION WITH RESPECT

TO HIS POLITICAL OPPONENTS BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE MILITARY.
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